

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application. Claims 4-6 are canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to further distinguish the cited references. Claim 1 now recites that the position sensors are "not associated with" a track or roadway. Thus, this excludes the prior art showing wireless sensors near a track or roadway. Additional language added to claim 1 clarifies that although the position detectors are not connected to a track or roadway, they are along a race course.

The British reference of Shorrock Security Systems Limited was used to reject the claims in the Office Action. Shorrock was said to show non-contact infrared communications, not connected to any track or roadway. However, as amended, the claim distinguishes the uses of wireless sensors along a track or roadway.

Claim 1 has also been amended to set forth that the position detectors are along a race course. This allows the setting out of a race course on a surface without requiring a track or roadway. A determination of whether a vehicle has successfully traversed the race course can be determined by whether it was detected by all the position detectors. This is not shown or suggested in the cited references.

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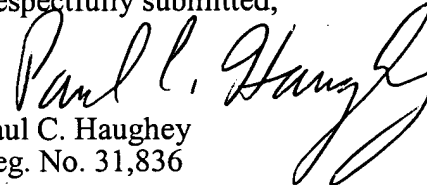
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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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